

rural infrastructures, especially small irrigation schemes; and (c) provide wider access to institutionalised credit for farmers and small rural entrepreneurs, by developing the existing credit network and promoting savings-loans groups.

At the local level, the project will pilot an approach for an integrated and sustainable implementation of the RPCG in five rural communes, that could then be replicated in other ecologically-damaged areas of Central Guinea. This approach is based on three complementary themes: (i) restoration of the agro-ecological balance, to allow for sustainable use of agricultural and pastoral resources and increased agricultural and livestock productivity; (ii) development of rural townships, both to relieve demographic pressure on natural resources and to provide support services for agricultural development; and (iii) direct involvement of communities and elected communal authorities in the programming execution and co-financing of investment and related activities to ensure sustainability.

The project will comprise two components at the local level: (i) in the villages, it will support the creation of associations and interest groups and help them to define and implement long-term strategies for village land management (aménagement et gestion de terroirs), combining actions with long term impact with actions answering to immediate needs; and (ii) at communal level, it will build the capacity of local authorities to plan and manage public investment programmes and will promote the creation of agriculture support services and micro-enterprises in the rural centres.

Inputs

UNDP will provide three international experts in village land management (48 work-months for mid-term and final evaluation), one UNV mechanical engineer (36 work-months), four national experts, in natural resources (36 work-months), in participatory development (60 work-months), in rural engineering (60 work-months) and in rural credit (36 work-months); administrative support; training; a sub-contract with a consulting firm which will recommend how to privatise the construction unit; and vehicles and office equipment.

UNCDF will fund formulation, technical review and evaluation missions, including specialised missions to develop and test the participatory approach in the villages; subcontracts with a local institution for the training of communes' staff and with an international NGO to set up shops supplying agricultural inputs; investment programmes in the villages and in the communes; equipment for the project operational units and operation costs; and two credit funds: one at the regional level, one at the local level for the purchase of agricultural inputs by the supply shops.

The Government will cover the cost of national staff, both at the regional and local level; rehabilitation of access roads (through a World Bank project).

Financial Data

	<u>UNDP</u>	<u>UNCDF</u>
Personnel	1 875 200	-
Missions	-	308 000
Subcontract	20 000	178 000
Training	100 000	-
Investments	-	1 500 000
Equipment	210 000	212 300
Credit	-	292 200
Miscellaneous	456 000	50 000
Contingencies	-	310 300
Support costs	<u>221 900</u>	<u>149 200</u>
TOTAL	<u>2 883 100</u>	<u>3 000 000</u>
